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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: A METHOD OF DETECTING
GENETIC TRANSLOCATIONS
IDENTIFIED WITH
CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES
(as amended)



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Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: A. Marschel

REPLY & AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.116, & 1.119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed March 25, 1999, please
amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

-- ~~162~~²⁷ A method of staining target chromosomal DNA to detect in an
interphase cell one or more genetic translocations identified with chromosomal
abnormalities, said method comprising:

(a) providing a heterogeneous mixture of two or more nucleic acid probes
having a combined complexity of about 50 kb, which probes contain nucleic acid